

Legislature determines what is meant by blighted and substandard. So that means any property that the Legislature would define by law as being eligible for being declared blighted and substandard is constitutional. I mean, it's just that simple under the plain reading of the Constitution. I think the second point I would like to make with respect to that issue is that when you're talking about blighted and substandard property what we mean, in essence, is that you have an entire city that, for one reason or another, has conditions that are not conducive to the development of new industry. That's the point behind tax increment financing and the power that has been given cities by the Constitution of Nebraska. So instead of looking at individual parcels of property, you have to look at the big picture with respect to a city and see whether the conditions within that city are conducive to the development of new industry. If they are not and with respect to LB 830 if they are not, with respect to a project of the magnitude that is envisioned of the 50 million and 500 new jobs provisions, then certainly it is a legitimate candidate constitutionally and statutorily for blighted and substandard designation. So, for those reasons, I would oppose this amendment and I would encourage the members of the body to vote for the advancement of LB 830. And if Senator Withem would like any or all of the rest of my time, he is more than welcome to it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Will. I did voice opposition to this amendment before and I think I exhausted my meager ability to raise arguments. But, thank you anyway, Senator Will.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, on the Jones amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body. A question of Senator Withem if I may, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Withem, relative to the Jones amendment, based upon information available to you, and certainly as both of us are not aware of all of the details of of everything that is going on in the private business sector, but I had information shared with me several weeks ago that